

Mattolo Correspondence.

Mattolo, June 15, 1864.

Mr. Editor— I think the people of our county have committed a great error in not appreciating the importance of our mineral wealth, and capabilities for manufactures. A glance at these resources, it is believed, will attract the attention of capital to our county.

What are the elements of manufactures? An abundance of mineral wealth of coal, iron, lead and copper, cotton, wool and hemp. Plenty of water power, roads, a healthful climate, and cheap land for man.

In what one of these elements are we wanting that cannot be had with capital. The principal object of these remarks is to make known, at home and abroad, the immense importance of our oil springs and agricultural resources, with a view to their full development, the publication of which will show the productiveness of our soil, and our inexhaustible mineral wealth, extensive forests of timber, oak, maple, redwood, pine spruce and fir. The mountains abound in indications of minerals—silver, quicksilver, lead, iron and coal. There is an abundance of water in the Mattolo rivers, and the many and large petroleum springs, the remarkable yield of its agricultural products and perfection of its fruits are not excelled by any other valley of similar extent on the coast, together with picturesque scenery, and fine healthy climate, cannot fail to advance the prosperity of the county if generally known.

There is reason to believe that the entire country between Bear river and Mattolo is rich in petroleum. Our county has been but little prospected. Refined coal oil is now as colorless as water and quite as free from smell. It is burned in lamps by tens of thousands of families and fortunes have been realized by the inventors of lamps and the manufacturers of shades and chimneys. The consumption for illuminating purposes is only just begun. As the pleasant and cheapest light next to gas, it is destined to supercede all but the latter. Like iron, gold and coal, no one can fix the limit of its consumption. It can only be extended by the failure of the wells to yield, and of this geologists assert there is but little probability. The petroleum wells of Burmah have yielded uninterrupted supplies for thousands of years. How long our coal mines may last has been frequently enunciated, but no calculator has ventured to name the day they were likely to give out. The iron and gold they allow to be inexhaustible. If they abandon petroleum to the same extended term it may justly claim to take rank beside them as an equally enduring staple.

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It is worthy of consideration, too, that our natural facilities for manufacturing the crude material are superior. I confidently believe that our oil springs will yet furnish a field for the employment of a great number of laborers, which will materially contribute to the greatness of the State, and render regions now considered sterile, rich and prosperous.

I have not time, neither am I capable, of doing justice to this subject. If what has been hastily written shall attract the attention of business men, I will be amply repaid. Every citizen in the county is interested, and particularly those of Eureka, as these wells if they amount to anything, will cause it to become an active and flourishing city.

The Indians shot and wounded a horse belonging to Mr. Young, my nearest neighbor, last Sunday week. Lieut. Frazier has been reinforced by twelve men. They are all put now after the band of diggers which has been committing so much depredations. They say they are "bound to get the devils or break a leg."

Our citizens intend to have a 4th of July celebration, and no pains will be spared to make everything as pleasant as possible. People coming from a distance will find accommodations among the citizens. We invite everybody to come, free gratis for nothing. Eureka friends, come along. The ceremonies will be conducted according to the following programme: A national salute at sunrise and sunset. At 11 o'clock, a. m. the people will assemble at the picnic ground, raising the American flag, prayer by the Chaplain, Ode, Reading of the Declaration of Independence, Oration, Dinner, and a good time. In the evening there will be a dance, to which all are invited.

I will write again next week.
Yours, as ever,
M. J. CONKLIN.

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